

TRIBUTE TO LOLA FRY ON THE  
OCCASION OF HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 1995*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reflect on the attributes, achievements, and contributions of a special lady. This weekend, Lola Fry will celebrate her 80th birthday and this commemoration is an appropriate time to honor this great woman.

Since her birth in 1915, Lola Fry has excelled in all that she has done. The prevailing current in Lola's life has been her commitment to community and to the ideals of American society. The time and energy she has given to her church and other causes are remarkable.

Lola can look with pride on building a home and family filled with love, warmth and generosity. She enjoys the unshakable admiration of her children and grandchildren as well as friends and relatives.

Therefore, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Lola Fry a happy 80th birthday, with many years of health and fulfillment to come.

TRIBUTE TO FT. ZUMWALT  
MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIRS

**HON. JAMES M. TALENT**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 1995*

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Fort Zumwalt North Middle School seventh and eighth grade concert choirs from O'Fallon, MO.

Over the past two years, under the skilled guidance of their director, Mr. Gregory S. LeSan, the North Middle School choirs have been honored with 20 trophies and plaques in national-level competitions. They have also been distinguished with three community proclamations, a state proclamation from Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan, and a coveted invitation to perform for the 1995 Missouri Music Educators Association State Convention.

The choirs have also been invited to compete July 9th through the 14th, 1996, in the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales. This is the first time in the 50 year history of this world-renowned competition that a public middle school from the United States of America has ever been accepted to sing in this audition-selected international event. This is a rare opportunity to represent their community, the State of Missouri, and the United States of America in a competition that represents over 50 countries.

Mr. Speaker, these young people are to be commended for their continued hard work and dedication to excellence, which has brought not only their school nationwide recognition, but is also a source of great pride to the residents of O'Fallon, MO. It is with great pride that I congratulate these students and recognize the contributions they have made while at Fort Zumwalt North Middle School.

TRUE AMERICAN HEROES

**HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 1995*

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to salute the Mountain Fire/Rescue 05018 Volunteer Fire Company from Calaveras County, CA, for their contributions and personal sacrifices in the humanitarian mission Operation SUPPORT HOPE to Goma, Zaire, in July 1994. These men saved an estimated 500,000 lives by ensuring that the Rwandan refugees in Zaire had fresh water to drink.

The crew left California on July 23, 1994 and after an arduous 22.5 hour flight, they arrived in Goma, Zaire. From the moment they stepped off the plane, they were hard at work. It was a horrific sight. Dead bodies filled the road from the airfield to the pumping site at Lac Kivu. Before they could even begin pumping the fresh water needed to cure those with cholera, they had to clear the area around the lake. Human remains littered the entire area.

The men encountered many dangers. Cholera was everywhere and it was reported that 80% of the population was HIV-positive. As if disease were not a sufficiently dangerous adversary, the crew also had to worry about the Zairian soldiers who were continuously firing their AK47 assault rifles and throwing hand grenades at them.

The crew gave little thought to their personal safety, however, as they continued to work. It was necessary to clear a spot 20 yards into the lake and 100 yards wide along the shore in order to begin pumping the water. The crew had to maneuver around dead bodies as well as abandoned AK47's and hand grenades. Within four hours, they had made all of the preparations necessary to begin the pumping process.

For the next 32 days, they worked tirelessly for 18 hours per day. They had a subpump, firetruck, and 14 water tenders. The water tenders, which were sent by the United Nations, were used to transport the water from the lake to a nearby village. However, when they arrived, they were filled with diesel fuel. The men had to clean out the tanks so that they would be safe for transporting water.

The main tool used to accomplish this amazing feat has an interesting story all its own. The subpump, which was on loan from Redwood City, CA, is the only one of its kind in the United States. This pump can pump 1,250 gallons per minute (gpm) at 120 pounds per square inch (psi) and can push water through a 5" fire hose up higher than 160 feet. The subpump can continuously pump large amounts of water. This subpump is the same piece of equipment that pumped contaminated water 24 hours a day for 30 days, aerating and ridding Shasta Lake of its toxicity after the toxic waste spill.

It is with great pleasure that I recognize the Mountain Fire/Rescue members who assisted in Operation SUPPORT HOPE. They are: Chief John Horner, Matthew Blackburn, Derrick Bruham, John Conway, Jack Pacheco, Frank Blackburn, William Dunn, and Dan Molly. I would also like to recognize the many support volunteers of Mountain Fire/Rescue who made it possible for these men to respond so quickly. The men and women of Mountain Fire/Rescue have demonstrated the

true American spirit in giving of themselves to help others in need. Their dedication should serve as an inspiration to us all.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED  
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SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER HOEKSTRA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, August 2, 1995*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2127) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. Chairman, I want to submit the following information in the RECORD which will clarify that I did, in fact, invite the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education [ACGME] to testify at the hearing of the Economic and Educational Opportunities Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

The statement made by the gentleman from Iowa is incorrect. The executive director of the ACGME was invited by the majority, not the minority.

Thank you.

MEMORANDUM

To: Republican Members, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

From: George Conant, Professional Staff Member.

Re: June 14 Hearing on Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Policy on Abortion Training.

Date: June 13, 1995.

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation will hold a hearing on Wednesday, June 14 at 1:00 p.m. in room 2261 Rayburn to examine the recent ruling by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) requiring all medical schools it accredits to provide students with training in abortion procedures during their residencies.

The hearing is intended to provide detailed information on the revised policies of the ACGME concerning the accreditation of residency programs in Obstetrics and Gynecology. The hearing will examine the impact of the ACGME's policies on: (a) the relationship between the federal government and medical training in the United States; and (b) the moral and social aspects of medical training related to individual and organizational conscience.

WITNESSES

The hearing will consist of one panel with five majority witnesses and one minority witness:

Thomas Elkins, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Louisiana State University Medical School, Former Chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Michigan, and an active member of the Christian Medical and Dental Society.

Edward V. Hannigan, M.D., Director of the Division of Gynecological Oncology, Vice Chairman for Clinical Affairs, and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Texas at Galveston.